

What is claimed is:

1. A method for authoring content, comprising:  
acquiring and annotating a content resource;  
composing one or more scenes and constructing a narrative; and  
5 exporting the content.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the acquiring and annotating the resource further comprises defining a layout.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the acquiring and annotating the resource further comprises importing the content resource.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the acquiring and annotating the resource further comprises applying one or more contextual descriptors and contextual object  
10 references.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the acquiring and annotating the resource further comprises associating one or more CODECs with the content.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the composing one or more scenes and constructing a narrative further comprises arranging the content in the layout.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the composing one or more scenes and constructing a narrative further comprises defining navigational or sequential flow.
- 20 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the composing one or more scenes and constructing a narrative further comprises defining one or more context menus and associating each context menu with its context.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the composing one or more scenes and constructing a narrative further comprises specifying one or more design rules for flow customization.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the composing one or more scenes and constructing a narrative further comprises compiling, simulating and verifying the behavior of a presentation.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the exporting the content further comprises specifying one of the following: an image destination medium, an access control option, a commerce functionality, and a copy protection option.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein the exporting the content further comprises registering an author as a content provider.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein the exporting the content further comprises generating a registered output image.

14. A method for authoring content, comprising:  
acquiring and annotating a content resource, including  
defining a layout;  
importing the content resource;  
applying one or more contextual descriptors and contextual object references; and  
associating one or more CODECs with the content.

composing one or more scenes and constructing a narrative, including:

arranging the content in the layout;  
defining navigational or sequential flow;

defining one or more context menus;  
associating each context menu with its context;  
specifying one or more design rules for flow customization;  
compiling, simulating and verifying the behavior of a presentation; and  
exporting the content.

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15. The method of claim 14, wherein the exporting the content further comprises specifying one of the following: an image destination medium, an access control option, a commerce functionality, and a copy protection option.
16. The method of claim 14, wherein the exporting the content further comprises registering an author as a content provider.
17. The method of claim 14, wherein the exporting the content further comprises generating a registered output image.